



CHILDRENS COURT
OF THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE TO PRACTITIONERS

Changes to listing practices for care and protection Childrens Court matters

Case management conferences and ad hoc listings before the Childrens Court Magistrate

Case management conferences and ad hoc listings before the Childrens Court Magistrate will cease from 28 August 2026.

Registrars care and protection list

The Registrars care and protection list will commence on 31 August 2026 and will be conducted on Tuesday each week.

The Registrars list will commence at 9:00am. The Registrar will hear and determine applications in proceedings which are unopposed or by consent and make procedural direction to prepare the matter for hearing and orders for return of subpoena matters.

Return of subpoena matters will be listed on Tuesday at 9:00am in the Registrars care and protection list.

Listing hearings will commence at 10.30am. The Registrar will make procedural directions to progress and list a matter for hearing.

A second Registrars care and protection list may be held on a Monday as required.

Magistrate's care and protection list

The Magistrates care and protection list will commence on 31 August 2026 and will be conducted on Tuesday each week.

The Magistrates care and protection list will commence at 10:00am. The magistrate will hear and determine applications in proceedings not able to be dealt with by the Registrar and make directions to prepare the matter for hearing.

Commencing at 12:00pm the magistrate will hear and determine prelisted matters including applications for the continuation of interim orders.

Matters not able to be dealt with by the Registrar in the Registrar's care and protection list on a Monday will be transferred to the magistrate and interposed between other listed matters.

Emergency actions

Applications following emergency action taken by the Director-General will be listed before a Registrar at 1:00pm.

These changes are incorporated in Practice Direction – Case Management in Care and Protection Proceedings 3 of 2026.



Helen Banks
Registrar

29 July 2026